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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by Rev. Catherine Quinn, St. John's Church, Washington, DC.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give You thanks for these, Your servants, gathered to do Your work in the governing of this country that You have so blessed. Help them to recognize Your abundance. Help them to honor their responsibility. May they be humble as well as wise, civil as well as courageous, patient as well as strong.

Make us each mindful of our relation to all creation, the fullness of which only You, dear Lord, can survey. On this 10th day of September, as we recall the calm before the storm of September 11, 2001, strengthen us to summon the best in ourselves. May we deal gently and honestly with one another, live in recognition that our spirits are interconnected, and in all things embody Your love.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 10, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CARDIN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the majority controlling the first 30 minutes and the Republicans controlling the next 30 minutes. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3001, the Defense authorization bill.

Last night, the Senate reached an agreement to consider several amendments to the bill, including amendments by Senators LEAHY, VITTER, NELSON of Florida, and KYL. Those amendments will be debated this morning, and we will work with the two managers of the bill and with my counterpart, Senator MCCONNELL, to find out when those votes should take place. We are hopeful we can continue working on this most important legislation today and complete the legislation this week. It would be really good if we could do that.

Mr. President, if the distinguished Republican leader wouldn't mind, I wish to yield a couple of minutes to the Senator from Nebraska, and then Senator MCCONNELL would have the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nebraska is recognized.

WELCOMING THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished majority leader and minority leader for allowing me to welcome and congratulate our guest chaplain today, Rev. Cathy Quinn, who has been noted as the senior assistant rector at St. John's Episcopal Church here in Washington, DC. That church, as my colleagues know, is also referred to occasionally as the Church of the Presidents.

Reverend Quinn plays an integral role in leading the congregation in their faith and spiritual growth. She is not new to Capitol Hill, having served as a legislative assistant for former New York Congressman Amo Houghton. Her experiences while at Yale Divinity School ranged from working at hospitals ministering to patients in the pediatric intensive care units and the oncology ward to assisting with the Children's Mission at St. Paul and St. James Episcopal Church. Her many accomplishments have prepared her well for a life of ministry. Along with her growing number of ministerial duties at St. John's, Reverend Quinn also manages to balance the needs of her family—her husband Peter, who is in the Chamber today, and her two daughters, Nora and Molly. Her level of commitment to both aspects of her life is a model for many to follow.

I wish to thank Reverend Quinn for her contributions to her community and for her service to the members of St. John's Church.

So I wish to acknowledge her good work and her spiritual guidance. I am particularly pleased because I have a parochial interest. As I said, not only

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